

**TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**  
**Easton Town Hall**  
**14 S. Harrison Street**

February 16, 2010

**PRESENT AT CONVENING**

8 Mayor Robert C. Willey	11 Councilmember Pete Leshner
9 Council President John F. Ford	12 Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski
10 Councilmember Kelley K. Malone	13 Councilmember Megan M. Cook

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Also in attendance were the Town Manager Mr. Karge, the Attorney Ms. VanEmburch, Town Planner Mr. Tom Hamilton, Long Range Planner Mr. Lynn Thomas, Current Planner Mr. Zach Smith and Town Clerk Mrs. Ruf.

**CONVENING**

At 7:00 p.m., President Ford called the meeting to order.

Ms. Malone opened the meeting with prayer and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes of the February 1, 2010 meetings were approved with corrections.

President Ford announced that this meeting is Ms. Kristyn Ecochard's last meeting. He stated that Ms. Ecochard from the Star Democrat has been covering meetings in a fair and concise manner and will be missed.

**DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Ms. Malone read aloud a proclamation regarding Dating Violence Awareness.

**ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY**

Mayor Willey asked for an Executive Session to discuss the retention of business.

Mayor Willey stated that Public Works, Easton Utilities Commission, Easton Police Department and Easton Volunteer Fire Department aided in the town's ability to recover from the two snow storms. He stated that the Departments are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Mayor Willey discussed his meeting at MML today and proposed legislation. He discussed Congressman Kratovil's letter regarding appropriation requests in the Town of Easton. He stated that he intends to ask for funding for repairs to the armory building and the Tanyard Branch project.

**ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER**

Mr. Karge joined with the council thanking Ms. Ecochard for her professionalism while employed at the Star Democrat. He stated that he is most appreciative of her fairness.

Mr. Karge emphasized the outstanding level of teamwork throughout the storm. He thanked the citizens for reading notices.

**PUBLIC ASSEMBLY REQUEST**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner, seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously, approval was granted for a Public Assembly request March 6, 10:30 am – 3:00 pm YMCA Youth and Family Fun Run as recommended by Easton Police Department.

**MS. MAUREEN SCOTT-TAYLOR TO UPDATE COUNCIL ON 300<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES**

Ms. Scott-Taylor referred to the Easton 300 Booklet and discussed upcoming scheduled events. She stated that 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary merchandise is now available on line at chesapeake traditions.com.

Ms. Scott-Taylor updated on the proposed art mural project for the Council room. She stated that there is a lesson to be learned about informing council on upcoming projects.

President Ford asked Ms. Scott-Taylor to establish a parking board and update parking suggestions. He asked Ms. Scott-Taylor to see what may be necessary to implement the suggestions in the AKRF study.

**COUNCIL CONSENSUS ON THE REQUEST OF TALBOT HOSPICE FOUNDATION, INC., OWNER OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 586 CYNWOOD DRIVE EASTON, MD TO CONSTRUCT AN ADDITION ONTO THE EXISTING HOSPICE FACILITY LOCATED ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY**

It was the consensus of the council to support the request of Talbot Hospice to construct an addition onto the existing Hospice facility located on the subject property.

**ORDINANCE NO. 566, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6 BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE.”**

Mr. Richardson discussed changes in the residential code, Building Code and Property Maintenance Code.

President Ford introduced Ordinance No. 566 for a first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 567, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6 BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE.”**

President Ford introduced Ordinance No. 567 for a first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 568, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON REPEALING CHAPTER 5A MODEL ENERGY CODE AND AMENDING CHAPTER 6 BUILDING CODES TO INCORPORATE THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE.”**

President Ford introduced Ordinance No. 568 for a first reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 569, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON REPEALING §11-5 THRU §11-7 AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS, TO INCORPORATE THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE 2009.”**

President Ford introduced Ordinance No. 569 for a first reading.

**(CONTINUED) PUBLIC HEARING TO OBTAIN PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED 2010 UPDATE OF THE TOWN’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

Mr. Thomas stated that he thinks the public hearing is continuing where we left off.

Mr. Dana Robinson, resident of Woods at Stoney Ridge stated he lives on Hemlock Lane. He discussed his objection to a thru road.

Mr. Samuel Barnett, 29441 Palm Court discussed the safety of Hemlock Lane and the neighborhood ambiance.

Mr. Michael Feeley, 7208 Fir Street, Woods at Stoney Ridge discussed his concerns regarding the road, especially Corbin Parkway and Dutchman’s Lane.

Ms. Patricia Kelley, 29445 Palm Court and Hemlock discussed her community. She stated her grandchildren live across the street.

President Ford asked if there are any additional audience comments. There were none.

Ms. Malone discussed miscommunications and the grid system which are projected to be in need in the future.

Mr. John Lopes, Easton Club East, suggested getting neighborhoods together to construct a plan. He stated that the Council needs neighborhood representation when the Comprehensive Plan is being put together.

At 8:54 p.m., President Ford closed the public hearing. Public comments can be submitted until close of business Friday.

President Ford discussed the Comprehensive Plan issues raised.

President Ford reviewed the next steps for the Comprehensive Plan.

President Ford extended condolences to the family of Mrs. Polly Shannahan.

**CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:03 p.m., upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Cook and carried unanimously, President Ford convened into Executive Session to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the state.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mr. Leshner and carried unanimously; President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 9:08 p.m.

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk